

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 2-4 were rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,386,119 to Lin. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Lin in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,309,74 to Otte. Claims 5-7 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

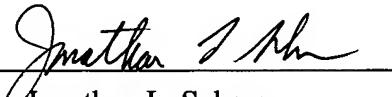
By the above amendments, the allowable subject matter of claim 5 and claim 7 has been placed in independent claim form. Accordingly, claims 1 and 6-8 are in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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